CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 2, 2021 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, Community Development Director Chuen Ng, and Chief Deputy City Clerk White (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES)
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:10 p.m. for

1) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** pursuant to Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code: one potential case.

INVOCATION
Pastor Paul Berry of Calvary Chapel gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Cordero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Assistant Director of Recreation & Parks Brett Fulgoni, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Chief Human Resources Officer Elena Morelos, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Recreation Services Manager Dennis Smitherman, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Interim Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced that the Closed Session would continue after the regular meeting.

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Soto presented a Proclamation recognizing the day of March 8, 2021, as International Women's Day in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging all residents and businesses to celebrate with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. The Proclamation to be mailed to the Santa Maria Women's Network.

B. Councilmember Escobedo presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of March 7-14, 2021, as Arbor Week in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging all residents and businesses to celebrate and take part in the festivities by planting trees and acknowledging the important role trees have in the City. Recreation & Parks Director Posada presented a video of scheduled activities during Arbor Week, and on the technique for proper tree planting which will be added to the City's YouTube Channel.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF 15 MINUTES)
Sara Macdonald mentioned a recent Racial Justice Community event, noted a video of the event is available, and encouraged Santa Marians to attend such events.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3D were approved as presented. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of February 16, 2021.

Action: Minutes from the 2/16/2021 meeting approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

D. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

4 APPOINTMENTS

A. LANDMARK COMMITTEE

The City Council ratified three appointments to the Landmark Committee.

Action: Ann Batterson and Rebecca Carey appointed to the Landmark Committee to terms ending in 2023. Brian Billones appointed to a term ending in 2024.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 5-0.

5 PRESENTATIONS

A. **RECREATION AND PARKS PROGRAMMING.** The City Council received a presentation from Director of Recreation & Parks Posada regarding programming and park operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Recreation Services Manager Smitherman reviewed activities provided by the Recreation Division, and Assistant Recreation & Parks Director Fulgoni reviewed City parks and projects by the Parks Division.

B. **DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS.** The City Council received a presentation from Interim Fire Chief Tuggle and Director of Community Development Ng regarding the City's development review process.

Public input
Laurie Tamura thanked the staff for their efforts and commented that she hoped some projects could be expedited through a more abbreviated process in light of short-staffing issues.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be March 16, 2021. Items on the agenda would include the recognition of the Japanese Community Center; the Measure A Local Program of Projects public hearing; the Short Range Transit Plan; the Measure U Oversight Committee Annual Report; and an Ordinance regulating mobile car wash businesses.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended a Harassment Prevention training through the CA League of Cities.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a meeting with United Way.

Councilmembers Soto and Waterfield had no reportable AB1234 items.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a 3CE Policy Board of Directors meeting; an SBCAG monthly Board meeting; the County COVID Legislative briefing; the Block Grant Advisory Committee deliberations meeting; a Board of Supervisors Special Meeting on homelessness; the recent User Fees Study Workshop; and a Marian Foundation Board of Directors meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
Mayor Patino reconvened the Closed Session at 7:07 p.m.

Regarding the Closed Session Report, City Attorney Watson announced that instruction was provided to him by the City Council.

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino closed the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in memory of City Volunteer, Peter Burgett, who passed away December 25, 2020.

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Approved at a regular meeting on March 16, 2021.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

3/24/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria